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Application No.: 10/067,358 ) Group Art Unit: 2861  
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For: LIQUID CONTAINER, LIQUID )  
SUPPLY SYSTEM AND INK JET )  
RECORDING APPARATUS )  
UTILIZING THE SAME, AND )  
METHOD OF MOUNTING )  
LIQUID CONTAINER ON )  
RECORDING APPARATUS ) January 8, 2004

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

U.S. Patent 5,187,498  
Europe 1,013,445  
Japan 6-320732  
Japan 2000-43287

These documents were cited during prosecution of a Korean patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Korean Office Action, which is dated December 3, 2003, is enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents cited above is provided by the English language abstracts included with the cited art.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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